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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. On 19 October 1953, a gray-green twin-engine aircraft and a biplane were parked in front of the large hangar at Rangsdorf airfield. Between 30 October and 3 November, several biplanes were repeatedly observed making local flights about noon time. Biplanes practiced again flying around noon time on 7 and 9 November. Several biplanes and monoplanes, which had come from various directions landed at the field and took off again.¹
2. On 19 October, aircraft scrap was loaded on trucks at the field. Also on 30 October, aircraft scrap was removed from the field by trucks.

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3. Ten to 12 quartering buildings which formerly had been occupied by workers of the Buecker Plant were located between the airfield and the Rangsdorfer See (lake). These buildings, including two-story and three-story structures, were occupied by 600 to 800 soldiers most of whom belonged to the air force. The air force soldiers were quartered in the buildings nearest to the airfield area, while signal and infantry soldiers occupied the other buildings.³

4. On 30 October, several VPL officers and NCOs, part of them with chevrons, were seen in Rangsdorf. On 7 November 2 cars with coal and 3 gondola cars with large crates and, on 10 November, 3 boxcars were shunted to the field from Rangsdorf railroad station.

5. On 24 October, an Li-2 the trailing edge of its rudder was parked in the area in front of the hangars. A single-engine monoplane with radial engine assembly was also seen at the field.

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1. Comment. It is believed that these biplanes landed at Rangsdorf airfield in the course of training flights. Possibly the aircraft were Po-2s from Dresden-Klotzsche which made cross-country flights.

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2. Comment. A repair shop for piston engines and airframes of conventional aircraft is believed to be stationed at the field. The loading of scrap at the field is reported after an interruption of more than a year. Several reports dating back rather far indicated the shipment of damaged wings and engines while according to the present report, the shipment of crates was observed on 7 and 10

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November. It is believed that a dismantling shop is available at the field. The presence of such an installation had already been assumed in July 1952. Li-2s [redacted] which were only reported from Rangsdorf have been observed at the field for a long period of time. The aircraft indicated that a transport or special communication squadron of the GOFG may be stationed at the field.

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3. [redacted] Comment. Previous information on the occupation strength of the field dates back to mid-1951 and indicated a total of about 300 soldiers. According to the present report it is believed that the air force personnel number 450 to 500 men. The presence of infantry and signal personnel is reported for the first time. It is believed that the soldiers belong to offices of the GOFG.

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